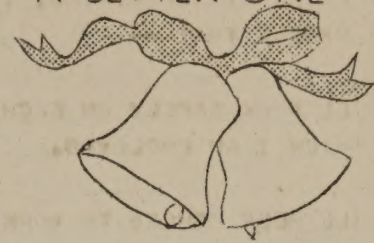


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ARE YOU DOING YOUR UTMOST TO  
PREVENT ACCIDENTS?

ARE YOU DOING YOUR UTMOST TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS? ARE YOU DEVOTING THE CARE AND ATTENTION TO YOUR JOB NECESSARY TO DO IT EFFICIENTLY AND SAFELY? HAVE YOU ANY SAFETY IDEAS IN YOUR MIND WHICH WILL MAKE YOUR WORK SAFER? IF SO, ARE YOU BRINGING THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR SUPERVISOR SO THAT THEY MAY BE GIVEN A TRIAL?

ARE YOU GIVING YOUR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING YOUR WORKING CONDITIONS SAFER?

DO YOU REALIZE THAT SAFETY POSTERS, TALKS, AND MAGAZINES ARE DESIGNED TO BRING THE DANGEROUS HAZARDS THREATENING YOUR LIFE TO YOUR ATTENTION? IF YOU DO NOTHING TOWARDS SAFETY, THEIR ENTIRE ATTEMPT TO HELP YOU HAS FAILED.

YOU ARE THE MOST POWERFUL PROTECTING AGENT YOU POSSESS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS FROM HARMING YOUR PERSON. UNLESS YOU DO YOUR UTMOST TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS, ONE OF THEM WILL SOONER

OR LATER DO YOU BODILY HARM. YOU CAN BE HELPED BY YOUR SUPERVISOR, AND THE VARIOUS SAFETY MEN, BUT NO ONE CAN REPLACE YOU OR DO YOUR THINKING FOR YOU WHEN YOU ARE ENDANGERED BY AN ACCIDENT. DON'T GET THE IDEA THAT YOU ARE IMMUNE FROM ACCIDENTS FOR THAT MERELY LOWERS YOUR RESISTANCE TO ACCIDENTS.

ACCIDENT HAZARDS ARE EVER PRESENT, BUT ACCIDENTS RARELY HAPPEN UNLESS YOUR ACCIDENT RESISTANCE HAS BEEN WEAKENED THROUGH HASTE, INATTENTION, CHANCE-TAKING, OR SOME OTHER FACTOR. ACCIDENT HAZARDS ARE LIKE A DISEASE, HARMLESS AS LONG AS YOUR RESISTANCE IS NORMAL, BUT WHEN YOUR RESISTANCE IS WEAKENED THEY WILL BREAK THROUGH AND DESTROY YOU. GIVE THEM NO CHANCE.

WOULDN'T YOU DO EVERYTHING WITHIN YOUR POWER TO PREVENT NEEDLESS SUFFERING? DO YOU REALIZE THAT, EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY BE PAST SUFFERING FROM A

FATAL ACCIDENT, YET YOU CAN CAUSE UNTOLD SUFFERING TO THOSE YOU LEAVE BEHIND, POSSIBLY MANY OF THEM DEPENDENT UPON YOU FOR A LIVING?

WHEN YOU GIVE BUT A MOMENTS REFLECTION TO THE PREVENTION OF THESE ACCIDENTS WHICH ARE CAUSING SO MUCH PAIN TO YOURSELF AND SUFFERING TO THOSE DEPENDENT ON YOU, YOU CAN COME TO BUT ONE CONCLUSION AND THAT IS, "I SHALL DO THE UTMOST IN MY POWER TO PROTECT MYSELF AND OTHERS FROM THE ACCIDENTS WHICH ARE CAUSING SO MUCH MISERY."

AND THEN DO JUST THAT. DO YOUR WORK IN THE SAFEST WAY POSSIBLE. IF YOU COME UPON AN ACCIDENT HAZARD, REMOVE IT OR REPORT IT TO YOUR SUPERVISOR. DO NOT LET THOSE ACCIDENT PREVENTION IDEAS REMAIN IN THE BACK OF YOUR HEAD. BRING THEM OUT. GIVE YOUR SUPERVISOR ALL THE ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS. AND KEEP FIGHTING ACCIDENTS.

(HUNTINGTON SAFETY NEWS)

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\* INJURIES CAN BE PREVENTED IF \*  
\* YOU DO YOUR PART \*  
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## MY SAFETY PROGRAM

IN THE INTEREST OF MY OWN SAFETY AND THAT OF OTHERS, I PROMISE MYSELF THAT --

1. I WILL WORK SAFELY ON EACH JOB ON WHICH I AM EMPLOYED.
2. I WILL HELP OTHERS TO WORK SAFELY, AND WILL TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE SAFETY PROGRAM OF MY EMPLOYER.
3. I WILL OBSERVE SAFE PRACTICES IN MY HOME AND WILL TEACH MY FAMILY ALWAYS TO FOLLOW SAFE WAYS.
4. I WILL INSPECT MY HOME FOR HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND CORRECT ANY THAT MAY EXIST.
5. I WILL BE A CAREFUL DRIVER AND WILL SET AN EXAMPLE OF SAFE DRIVING TO OTHERS.
6. I WILL OBSERVE ALL TRAFFIC SIGNS, SIGNALS AND OTHER TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.
7. I WILL MAKE SURE THAT EACH MEMBER OF MY FAMILY WHO DRIVES A CAR BECOMES A SAFE DRIVER.
8. I WILL DISCUSS SAFETY MATTERS WITH MY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.
9. I WILL TRY TO ENCOURAGE INTEREST IN ACCIDENT PREVENTION IN THE ORGANIZATIONS OF WHICH I AM A MEMBER, AND WILL TRY TO INFLUENCE EACH OF THEM TO CARRY OUT SOME DEFINITE SAFETY ACTIVITIES.
10. I WILL SUPPORT BY MY PERSONAL INFLUENCE ALL THE SAFETY WORK CARRIED ON IN MY COMMUNITY.

(NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL)

## CAN YOU SEE SAFETY?

RECENTLY A DOCTOR, TESTIFYING TO THE CONDITION OF AN INJURED WORKMAN, EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT THE MAN HAD ENTIRELY RECOVERED FROM HIS ACCIDENT. "CAN YOU SEE PAIN, DOCTOR?" ASKED THE ATTORNEY FOR THE INJURED MAN. "NO", WAS THE REPLY, "BUT I CAN SEE MUSCLE SPASMS THAT ALWAYS ACCOMPANY PAIN."

WE CANNOT SEE SAFETY, BUT AS A RULE WE CAN OBSERVE THE CONDITIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR GOOD ACCIDENT EXPERIENCE. THESE WOULD INCLUDE GOOD HOUSEKEEPING, WELL-PLANNED OPERATIONS, SAFE WORKING CONDITIONS AND PRACTICES, AND ALSO, AS A RULE, EVIDENCE OF THE EFFECTIVE SAFETY PUBLICITY AND INSTRUCTION. PERHAPS THERE CAN BE GOOD ACCIDENT EXPERIENCE WITHOUT SUCH FACTORS, YET WE DO NOT RECALL, IN ANY NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WE HAVE VISITED, OF ANY SUCH GOOD LUCK.

IN MOST INSTANCES, ACCIDENTS ARE FORESHADOWED SOMETIME BEFORE THEY OCCUR BY SITUATIONS WHICH CAN BE READILY RECOGNIZED BY THE EXPERIENCED BEHOLDER.  
(GALVESTON CAUSEWAY)

## FOLLOWING THROUGH

THERE CAN BE PROVIDED FOR YOU ALL OF THE SAFETY DEVICES KNOWN TO MAN, ALL OF THE SAFETY EQUIPMENT POSSIBLE TO SECURE; YOU MIGHT RECEIVE THE BEST THAT CAN BE OFFERED ALONG THE EDUCATIONAL LINE OF SAFETY; YOU CAN BE REASONED WITH AND PLEADED WITH TO OBSERVE SAFE PRACTICES; BUT ALL OF THAT IS TIME AND MONEY WASTED IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE OR WILLING TO CO-

OPERATE AND DO YOUR PART BY FOLLOWING THROUGH.

THE MAIN IDEA BEHIND THE SAFETY PROGRAM IS TO MAKE YOU SAFETY CONSCIOUS.

WE BELIEVE THAT IF YOU THINK ENOUGH ABOUT SAFETY AND PRACTICE SAFETY ENOUGH, SOME OF THESE DAYS YOU WILL GET TO THE PLACE WHERE YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY PROTECT YOURSELF JUST AS YOU AUTOMATICALLY DO A LOT OF OTHER THINGS. YOU WILL BECOME SO ACCUSTOMED TO FOLLOWING THROUGH ON SAFETY THAT IT WILL BECOME SECOND NATURE WITH YOU.

(LOUDON DAM SAFETY NEWS)

## DEFENSIVE DRIVING

WE MENTIONED PEDESTRIANS TO THE OLD DEFENSIVE DRIVER THE OTHER DAY AND HE SPILLED OVER. HOW TO DRIVE TO AVOID PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS IS ONE OF HIS PET SUBJECTS. HERE'S WHAT HE SAID:

"I LOOK OUT ESPECIALLY FOR PEDESTRIANS AT ALL INTERSECTIONS AND SLOW UP, JUST IN CASE SOMEBODY IS CROSSING AND MIGHT GET CONFUSED AND STOP RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME. THEY DO IT SOMETIMES.

"REGARDLESS OF LIGHTS I ALWAYS GIVE A PEDESTRIAN THE RIGHT OF WAY.

"I GO EASY ON THE HORN, TOO. A LOUD BLAST NOT ONLY IS HARD ON THE EARS, BUT IT SCARES FOLKS SO THEY DON'T USE WHAT GOOD SENSE THEY HAVE.

"I ALWAYS STOP BACK OF CROSS WALKS TOO, TO ALLOW PLENTY OF ROOM FOR PEDESTRIANS TO PASS WITHOUT WALKING AROUND IN FRONT OR BEHIND. IF YOU FORCE

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\* MANY A MAN HAS DODGED SAFETY \*  
\* ONLY TO RUN SMACK INTO AN INJURY \*  
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THEM TO WALK OUT INTO THE STREET, THEY MAY GET HIT BY ANOTHER CAR IN CROSS-TRAFFIC".  
(THE SAFE DRIVER)

### FARMING IS DANGEROUS, ACCIDENT FIGURES SHOW

SUCH EXPRESSIONS AS "DOWN ON THE FARM SAFE FROM HARM" AND "THE PEACE AND QUIET AND SECURITY OF PASTORAL LIFE" LOOK WELL IN POEMS, BUT THEY ARE ACTUALLY UNTRUE.

STATISTICS SHOW THAT THE FARM IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE FACTORY. LAST YEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, NO LESS THAN 4500 FARMERS WERE KILLED WHILE CARRYING ON REGULAR FARM OPERATIONS. NOTWITHSTANDING THE SPEED-UP IN WAR PRODUCTION, THIS WAS A GREATER ACCIDENT TOLL THAN THAT WHICH CURSED ANY OTHER GENERAL INDUSTRY.

NO ONE CAUSE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS DREARY RECORD. TRACTORS, LIVESTOCK, HAYING AND HARVESTING ACTIVITIES ALL TOOK SUBSTANTIAL BITES OUT OF THE RANKS OF THOSE CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FEEDING AMERICA.

WITH SCARCITY OF FARM LABOR OR FORCING THE WOMEN FOLKS AND THE TOO YOUNG AND TOO OLD MALES INTO FARMING ACTIVITIES, THE SITUATION WILL PROBABLY GROW WORSE BEFORE IT BECOMES BETTER. NOW MORE THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME VIGILANCE AND GOOD SENSE WILL BE NEEDED ON EVERY FARM TO FORESTALL THE OCCURRENCE OF A WORK TRAGEDY. IT'S A WISE PERSON WHO KNOWS HIS OWN LIMITATIONS AND A WISER ONE WHO HEEDS THEM.

(ILLINOIS AGRICULTURAL ASSOC.  
SAFETY BULLETIN)

### 100,000 IN RURAL FIRE-FIGHTING COMPANIES

ALMOST 10,000 RURAL FIRE-FIGHTING COMPANIES WERE ORGANIZED LAST YEAR TO PROTECT AMERICA'S FARMS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE FIRES. OF THE 100,000 MEN ENROLLED IN THESE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES, ALL HAVE RECEIVED OR ARE RECEIVING ORGANIZED TRAINING IN FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE CONTROL. A REAL NEED EXISTS FOR TRAINED FIRE FIGHTERS BECAUSE FIRES KILL ALMOST 3,500 PEOPLE IN RURAL AREAS EVERY YEAR, AND THE VALUE OF RURAL PROPERTY DESTROYED RUNS ABOUT \$200,000,000 EVERY YEAR.

(USDA PRESS RELEASE)

### INSTRUCTION OF NEW WORKERS

CAREFUL, THOROUGH INSTRUCTION OF ALL NEWLY-HIRED EMPLOYEES IS NECESSARY. IT IS NOT ENOUGH MERELY TO HAND A NEW EMPLOYEE A SET OF SAFETY RULES, OR A SCHEDULE OF "DOS AND DON'TS," AND EXPECT HIM TO AVOID ACCIDENTS. SAFETY INSTRUCTION MUST BE PRACTICAL AND RELATE SPECIFICALLY TO THE JOB. THE ADMONITION TO "WORK SAFELY" OR "DON'T GET HURT" MUST BE SUPPLEMENTED BY DETAILED INSTRUCTION IN HOW TO AVOID INJURY.

(NATIONAL SAFETY NEWS)

### SAFE DRIVING HABITS

ALL OF US WHO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES MUST FORM CERTAIN HABITS OF DRIVING. THESE MIGHT BE CLASSIFIED AS MECHANICAL HABITS AND EMERGENCY HABITS.

THE MECHANICAL HABITS GOVERN THE STARTING OF THE ENGINE, THE OPERATION OF THE CLUTCH,

THE SHIFTING OF THE GEARS, THE APPLICATION OF THE BRAKES, AND THE STARTING OF THE VEHICLE. YOUR MECHANICAL HABITS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED TOWARD THE END THAT YOU CAN DRIVE WITH THE GREATEST SMOOTHNESS OF OPERATION THAT IS POSSIBLE. THIS WILL MAKE DRIVING A GREATER PLEASURE, WILL CONSERVE EQUIPMENT, AND WILL ALSO TEND TOWARD PREVENTING ACCIDENTS.

EMERGENCY HABITS ARE HABITS WHICH ARE DEVELOPED TO PERMIT YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING TO AVOID COLLISIONS IN CASE EMERGENCIES PRESENT THEMSELVES. IF YOUR DRIVING HABITS ARE DEVELOPED TO THE POINT THAT YOU TAKE ALL THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS, AND NEVER TAKE CHANCES, EMERGENCY CONDITIONS WILL VERY RARELY PRESENT THEMSELVES.

HABITS ARE DIFFICULT TO CHANGE. IF YOU HAVE GOOD HABITS IN DRIVING, IT WILL BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DO THE WRONG THING. IF YOU HAVE BAD HABITS IN DRIVING, ACCIDENTS ARE LIABLE TO OCCUR AT ANY TIME.

DEVELOP GOOD DRIVING HABITS AND PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

("SAFETY ENGINEERING")

CIVILIZED MAN FINDS NEW WAYS TO  
BURN UP PROPERTY - AND HIMSELF

ONCE UPON A TIME—LONG, LONG AGO—WHEN A PRIMITIVE ABODE BURNED DOWN, IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THE OWNER HAD NEGLECTED TO OFFER THE PROPER SACRIFICES TO THE GODDESS OF FIRE AND SO THAT JEALOUS DEITY HAD SIMPLY TAKEN MATTERS INTO HER OWN HOT LITTLE HANDS. THAT WAS A FUNNY SUPERSTITION, WASN'T IT?

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\* FORETHOUGHT IS CHEAP \*  
\* AFTERTHOUGHT IS EXPENSIVE \*  
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TODAY, TO THE COMPLETE DIS-  
COURAGEMENT OF SAFETY EXPERTS,  
FOLKS ARE MUCH SMARTER THAN  
THE ANCIENT GODDESS-WORSHIP-  
PERS. NOWADAYS, WE DON'T WAIT  
AROUND FOR ANY OLD "FLAME-IN-  
THE-FACE" TO BURN US OUT—WE  
DO IT OURSELVES. AND WHY  
SHOULDN'T WE? A FIRE IS SPEC-  
TACULAR—NEIGHBORS GATHER FROM  
MILES AROUND TO GAPE AT IT.  
IT'S THRILLING—MAYBE WE'LL BE  
SINGED A BIT IN RESCUING THE  
BABY OR AUNT MINNIE. AND IT'S  
USEFUL—IT CLEANS ALL THE RUB-  
BISH OUT OF THE ATTIC AND THE  
BASEMENT. BESIDES, IT SHOWS  
WE ARE MEN OF DARING—IT TICK-  
LES OUR PRIDE TO HEAR FOLKS  
SAY, "IMAGINE STARTING ALL  
OVER AGAIN, AND HE'S NOT A  
YOUNG MAN ANY MORE EITHER".

WE MODERNS ARE NOT ONLY  
SMART—WE'RE VERSATILE. HERE  
ARE SOME OF THE WAYS WE BURN  
UP OUR PROPERTY AND OCCASIONAL-  
LY OURSELVES.

1. WE THROW KEROSENE — AND  
SOMETIMES EVEN GASOLINE — ON  
FIRES TO START OR "REVIVE" THEM.
2. OUR CHIMNEYS GET CLEANED  
OUT ONLY WHEN THEY ACCIDENTAL-  
LY BURN OUT. AND IF THE SHIN-  
GLES ARE DRY, THIS "BURNING  
OUT" MAY LEAD TO "BURNING UP".
3. WE STORE FUEL CLOSE ENOUGH  
TO THE FURNACE SO THAT AN ERR-  
ANT SPARK CAN IGNITE IT.
4. WE PLACE LANTERNS ON ALMOST  
EVERYTHING BUT HOOKS, WHERE  
THEY WILL BE OUT OF DANGER OF  
BEING TIPPED OVER.
5. WE LEAVE THE CHILDREN ALONE  
IN THE HOUSE, KNOWING FULL WELL  
THAT THEY ARE FASCINATED BY  
MATCHES AND FIRE.
6. WE LITTER UP THE ATTIC  
STAIRWAY WITH TRASH SO THAT IF

FIRE STARTS IN THE ATTIC WE  
COULDN'T GET TO IT WITH THE  
FIRE EXTINGUISHER, EVEN IF WE  
HAD ONE.

SURE, WE'RE SMART. WE'RE SO  
SMART THAT IN THE PAST TEN  
YEARS AN ESTIMATED 35,000 FARM  
PEOPLE HAVE GONE UP IN THE  
SMOKE OF THEIR OWN HOMES.

(ILLINOIS AGRICULTURAL ASSOC.  
SAFETY BULLETIN)

### FIGHTING WINTER

WHEN "KING COLD" DECLARES  
WAR ON MOTORISTS, HE STRIKES  
WITH PARALYZING FORCE. USING  
ICE, SLEET, SNOW AND DARKNESS,  
ALONG WITH CARBON-MONOXIDE, HE  
"SURPRISE-ATTACKS" THE UNPRE-  
PARED OR CARELESS DRIVERS, WHO  
CAN GIVE LITTLE OR NO RESIST-  
ANCE. THIS SAME POWERFUL MEN-  
ACE, "KING COLD," IS NOT AS  
ABLE TO VICTIMIZE THE MOTOR VE-  
HICLE OPERATORS WHO ARE PREPAR-  
ED TO MEET HIM AND WHO USE CAU-  
TION WHEN MANEUVERING IN AREAS  
WHICH HE OCCUPIES.

THE STRATEGY USED TO DEFEAT  
OUR COLD-BLOODED Foe IS SIMPLE.  
PREPARATION MUST BE OUR FIRST  
CONSIDERATION. LIGHTS, WIPERS,  
TIRES, BRAKES, CHAINS, EXHAUST  
SYSTEMS, FIRST-AID KITS AND ALL  
OTHER VITAL NECESSITIES SHOULD  
BE THOROUGHLY CHECKED. WARM  
CLOTHING SHOULD BE WORN OR CAR-  
RIED IN CASE OF SEVERE TEMPER-  
ATURE DROPS. THE GASOLINE  
SUPPLY SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO  
AVOID THE DANGER OF STALLING  
IN SUB-ZERO WEATHER AT SOME  
"FAR — FROM — ANYWHERE" SPOT.  
WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS  
SHOULD BE CHECKED BEFORE START-  
ING OUT.

ON THE ROAD, SENSIBLE DRIV-

ING DESCRIBES THE TACTICS WE  
MUST USE TO EMERGE VICTORIOUS  
FROM SKIRMISHES WE MIGHT HAVE  
WITH TRICKY "KING COLD". OB-  
VIOUS TRAPS SUCH AS DEEP SNOW  
AND ICY STRETCHES REQUIRE SLOW-  
ER, MORE CAUTIOUS DRIVING AND  
CHAINS. THE MORE SUBTLE PLOTS  
LIKE CARBON MONOXIDE AND DARK-  
NESS DEMAND EVEN GREATER ALERT-  
NESS AND SKILL. A HEADACHE MAY  
BE THE ONLY WARNING BEFORE A  
COMPLETE "BLACK-OUT" ASPHYXIA-  
TION AND SUDDEN CURVES OR  
STALLED CARS, WITHOUT LIGHTS,  
MAKE NIGHT DRIVING DOUBLY HAZ-  
ARDOUS. VENTILATION WITH  
SLIGHTLY OPEN WINDOWS USUALLY  
INSURES AGAINST C.O. REDUCED  
SPEED AND INCREASED WATCHFUL-  
NESS CAN DO MUCH TO PREVENT  
NIGHT ACCIDENTS.

SOMETIMES "KING COLD" DOES  
VANQUISH EVEN THE BEST DRIVERS.  
YET THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT BUT  
THAT A PREPARED MOTOR VEHICLE  
OPERATOR WHO USES COMMON SENSE  
DRIVING METHODS, WILL COME  
THROUGH A WINTER CAMPAIGN VIC-  
TORIOUS ABOUT 999 TIMES OUT OF  
1000!

("OLD MAN RIVER")

### ACCIDENT CAUSES

WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THERE  
IS NO SINGLE CAUSE OF ACCI-  
DENTS, BUT MANY CAUSES. NO  
VICTORY IS TO BE WON BY DEBAT-  
ING WHETHER THE CHIEF HAZARD  
OF THE HIGHWAY IS LIQUOR OR  
EXCESSIVE SPEED; CARELESSNESS  
OR BAD BRAKES; BUT RATHER BY  
RECOGNIZING THAT ALL THESE AND  
MANY OTHER HAZARDS COMBINE TO  
INCREASE OUR CASUALTY LISTS,  
AND THAT NOT ANY ONE OF THESE  
DANGERS, BUT ALL, MUST BE DONE  
AWAY WITH.

(TULSA OILER)

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\* TAKE CARE — NOT CHANCES \*  
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